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FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4308

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 5505

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: NEW CABINET

1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM SEVERAL RELIABLE SOURCES THAT NEW CABINET WILL BE ANNOUNCED TONIGHT (SEPT 18) OR TOMORROW. AGREE-
MENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A PARTY SPLIT OF 4 SOCIALISTS, 3 PPD,
AND ONE COMMUNIST. COMMUNIST IS TO GET UNDESIRABLE TRANSPORTATION
PORTFOLIO.

2. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR TODAY THAT DR.
MANUEL SA MACHADO WOULD BE AZEVEDO'S CABINET SECRETARY. IF ACCU-
RATE, THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING NEWS AS IT MAY MEAN THAT AZEVEDO
WILL LIVE UP TO HIS AGREEMENT WITH SOARES TO CLEAN OUT THE LEFT
LEANING NAVAL OFFICERS IN HIS PERSONAL CABINET. SA MACHADO, A
CAREER MINISTER IN FOREIGN SERVICE, SERVED AS SOARES' CHIEF OF
CABINET IN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CONTINUED TO SERVE SOARES INFORM-
ALLY AFTER SOARES QUITE GOVERNMENT. SA MACHADO IS WELL AND FAVOR-
ABLY KNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY.

3. CABINET NAMES WE HAVE HEARD SO FAR ARE ALMOST ALL MODERATE
MILITARY, PS, PPD, OR MODERATE INDEPENDENTS. ONLY EXCEPTIONS
ARE FOLLOWING: LABOR COULD BE CPT ALMEIDA, WHO REPORTEDLY HAS
PCP SUPPORT; TRANSPORTATION, OLIVEIRA OF PCP; AND INDUSTRY,
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JOAO CHFZINHO, EX-MES, U.S. TRAINED ECONOMIST, A LEFTIST WHO

WILL PROBABLY ADAPT TO PREVAILING CLIMATE.
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